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TO : Chief, WHD

DATE: 1 JAN 13 1954

FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

SUBJECT: GENERAL— PBSUCCESS

SPECIFIC— ESSENCE Activities

Reference - HGG-A-608

1. Enclosed are copies of nine memoranda prepared by Donald O. HEDIGER and relating to operational developments that have taken place since the preparation of the reference.
2. "CARTER" as used in these memoranda refers to [ ] "WHITE" and "BLACK" correspond to ESSENCE-A and ESSENCE-B as outlined in paragraphs 6(a) and 6(b) of the attachment to HGG-A-476. "OUTSIDE" refers to anti-communist, anti-government exiled groups in adjoining countries.
3. Memorandum No. 5 has as an enclosure one copy of the propaganda item previously discussed in paragraph (g) of HGG-A-529.

[ ] George A. Tranger

Enclosures: as noted

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CARTER:-

9 January 1954 H66-A-6

Anticommunist Election Platform:-

1) There has recently appeared in the local press some announcements of a "Comite Civico Anticomunista" which set forth a platform of candidates for mayor of the capitol and for diputados in the next elections. This was followed by a rejection from our controlled group, the "Frente Anticomunista Nacional" (FAN).

2) CARTER reports that this CCA was/is simply another one of the many efforts of unscrupulous types to gather in some of the financial support of the anticomunistas. CEUA/PUA have taken steps and report that this organization (which was no organization at all) has been snuffed out and its founder controlled against any resurgence.

3) WHITE/ACTION groups are continuing vigilance against the many small chisellers that crop up in this way (see recent report, and enclosed photostatic documents), and feel that the situation has been pretty well cleaned up...all provincial affiliates have been warned to report any such actions, and ACTION is ready to move on them.

4) As for the press release that the CCA was "...a plot by the Government to undermine and confuse the Opposition, and was entirely sponsored by the PGT...", this is not true in this case; this report was released by FAN (WHITE controlled) in order to stir things up a bit and to get a little more publicity and sympathy....anything to put the tar brush to the Government.

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CARTER:- BLACK GROUP:-

9 January 1954

Courier System, Guatemalan Frontiers:-

1) CARTER reports that BLACK leader has informed him that this group, really under the control of OUTSIDE, has now set up three separate channels for passing materials and propaganda into Guatemala over the frontiers.

2) BLACK states that there are eight people regularly employed in this, with none having any relationship with the others. Three drops have been arranged on fincas and towns near the south frontier; couriers pass over frontier and leave materials there; this is later received by the internal groups, including CARTER and they handle internal distribution.

3) No further details are available on this...CARTER himself refrains from asking too much, and would not in any case pass it on in detail, this being closely connected with OUTSIDE; he simply says that "most of them are military men, with some sinqueros involved".

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CARTER, BLACK GROUP

9 January 1954

OUTSIDE Forming/Training Internal Groups:-

1) BLACK leader, connected with OUTSIDE, has passed on to CARTER the information that the OUTSIDE groups are now forming large groups (up to 125 men in some instances) inside Guatemala, and especially about the capital, in the towns.

2) So far as BLACK leader knows, these groups are not as yet being armed, but he believes caches of arms are nearby in each case or are being arranged. So far the groups are simply being secretly organized, leaders prepared, and agitation carried on in them.

3) Great discontent is expressed by these groups for the local regime, and they claim they are "...ready for anything, anytime." The implication is that they are not being told much, if anything, about OUTSIDE but just being formed up loosely.

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CARTER:- WHITE GROUP:-

9 January 1954

Police Check on Radio, CEUA

1.) CARTER reports that WHITE leader has told him he is now being asked, by the Guardia Civil, to provide copies of the program scripts of the evening program (which has been functioning for some weeks) in advance of the program. If it's not delivered to them, they come to the Casa de la Libertad to collect it.

2.) CARTER is not unduly concerned over this. He sees it simply as a minor harassment of CEUA by the police in order to try and frighten them...he does not think it will develop into an "action" situation. However, I have warned him to cover his and WHITE's parts in this well as it may be a prelude to a trumped up "slander" charge or some similar deal...we don't want him caught in it if it "breaks".

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CARTER:- WHITE GROUP:-

9 January 1954

Propaganda in Preparation:-

1) We currently have four items of local propaganda in "the works". These are, and their status, as follows:-

2) OCTOPUS "Hit-Back" Item:- The first batch was ready and disbursed to the provinces before Xmas (see prev reports); as CARTER was travelling when this item came out, WHITE leader did not retain copies for us. The second batch was ready this week, and is now being disbursed. CARTER took the top two off the pile, not noticing that they were "seconds" (lacking inside color) used as a wrapping...one of these is attached to each copy of this report, and he will bring proper copies next contact. This item is paid for.

3) FOLIOS AND INTERIM POSTERS:- This material was delayed in preparation by the printer's demands for Xmas paper and cards; it consists of six quotation pamphlets and six interim posters, to appear on alternate weeks. This material is now "cut" and will be printed this coming week. An initial deposit of \$500- must be paid printer, the balance upon completion of the printing. CARTER must be provided this deposit by this coming Wednesday, 12 January (Station memo on contact/payment is included under separate cover). Two items:- payment due.

4) BILLBOARD:- CARTER previously reported the donation by COFINO of two billboards on 7a Ave Sur, Prol...wall of restaurant "Las Palmas". Since no action on this score has been forthcoming from CARTER to date, I have personally designed one poster and instructed him to get the cost estimate for our next contact; this will go into immediate production...he now says he has material ready for the other board. A report on this will be made when we have finished drafts and costs is known.....about a week.

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5) In addition to the foregoing, edition No. 4 of our WHITE paper. "El Rebelde" is now in the press...due out this coming week...and CARTER has been given the subsidy for this (receipts under separate cover). This paper seems to go well:- selling "wholesale" at 2¢, the vendors "push" it at 5¢ for the greater profit it allows them; for example, edition #3 was on the streets at 10AM...entire edition in the capital sold out by 12M; equally good in provinces, though on a smaller scale, naturally. Publication remains at 10,000 per edition at a cost of @ \$400- of which we provide \$100-...(CEUA has, so far, been able to get the balance, but is hard put to do so.)

6) The previous "skull" items were very good in their eye-appeal, judging from the removal crews etc, were of considerable bother to the local regime...whoever drew that item, it was a beautiful design! We were offered, here, some one-meter-square metal signs, in luminous paint, but the price was quite high. The producer provided us with one, free, as a sample...(on wall of large gas station, 6 Ave and 18 Calle, about 12' above ground). However, after a three-weeks trial, it's been decided that the luminosity and durability of the signs are not enough to offset the asking-price. The item has not been bought.

7) Radio programs are now being prepared by WHITE; there are to be two 15-min broadcasts daily, six days per week; one in the evening at 7:15, one at noon at 1:30. Local material and KMFORGET sources used for this....see separate report this date.

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CARTER:- WHITE GROUP

9 January 1954

Radio Programs:-

1) Station has authorized the plan, previously submitted, for two programs at \$75- per month each; one to be open propaganda under CEUA, the other to be a "reserve" program for secret signalling and possible conversion to open work if the other is cut off.

2) CARTER was not told the funds were authorized, but was asked what arrangements he could get from local stations (see previous reports). He reported to me, this date, that he had been offered one half-hour at \$90- per month, and one quarter-hour at \$50- per month on Radio Internacional; times available were 1330-1400R and 1915 - 1945R daily...most desirable times on local schedules. After receiving this information regarding the economy over previous price-offer, I have authorized him as follows:-

3) MONTHLY FUNDS:- \$140- (\$10 less than auth)...~~three~~ program

a) Actually, we are reserving two program-times as shown above:-  $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour at mid-day,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour at night.

b) The evening program will be the current CEUA/open propaganda show...speeches, talks, news.

c) The noon show will be split... $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour of solid propaganda is beyond these boys without having it become insufferably dull, and no scripts have been forthcoming from HI. The first 15 minutes will be an open propaganda show, like the evening program; the second 15 minutes will be simply music; will not appear to have any FAN/CEUA connection...this is our "reserve" time (as outlined prev reports).

4) We thus have 3 (three) programs instead of two, and at less cost than the initial estimate. With only two short shows, WHITE can manage to make up its scripts from the KIMBORGET material we provide, as from its own local resources. CARTER will be given funds to begin on the next contact...at this time, detailed schedule will be provided Station



CARTER:- WHITE GROUP:-

9 January 1954

Istambul Youth Congress:-

1) As previously reported, the AEU received its invitation to Istambul only orally and informally; the regular, formal letter of invitation was "lost" in transit. Request for another such formal invitation was made by the WHITE sub-agents (see prev reports) working in this group (AEU), and was passed through BLACK leader to avoid any Communist looting of the mails.

2) The Communist-front FUD is attempting to boycott the Istambul meeting, and WHITE needs the formal invitation to present to AEU; AEU being willing to cooperate, but without the invitation they can't send delegates. So far this invitation (the second one) has not arrived. Last word was the informal notice from Sr. Enrique YBARRA in Holland the man in charge for Latin America according to CARTER, that the Congress could cover expenses of one delegate, possible two..."we'll notify you shortly..."

3) Another request has been sent ~~for this~~ for the formal invitation; CEUA needs it, even if late, in order to offset claims of FUD to having successfully boycotted and blocked this affair.

4) Meanwhile, AEU has definitely selected one delegate (this will be Carlos DIAZ-DURAN, Sec Gen'l of the Central American University Students' Organization), and has two alternates pending. Even if the invitation comes late, so long as a delegate can make even one day of the Congress, he'll be sent. Some local anti-Red merchants have offered financial aid to AEU for this purpose, says CARTER.

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CARTER, WHITE GROUP:

9 January 1954

Two Permanent Inspectors Authorized:

1) As previously reported, WHITE group has been attempting to organize outlying areas, form new groups, unify existing groups, weed out "divisionism" and opportunists, and get a tight propaganda machine in shape. This organizational work has been hampered to a large extent by the fact that the necessary trips cost money which CEUA (as WHITE's front) doesn't have, and since the volunteers for such trips must take time from their jobs and/or schooling. With the University due to reopen shortly, even this limited activity will be almost paralyzed if continued on current basis.

2) Station had told me, initially, that for organizational purposes I would be allowed a "free hand"...that is, that every move need not be checked so long as policy was adhered to and the funds watched closely. Therefore, in view of the above, coupled with the good effects of the purely voluntary activity of WHITE sub-agents in the past non-school months in this field (plus a growing confidence in CARTER's basic integrity in money matters), I have authorized him to assign a "permanent" (i.e., as often as necessary for the next three or four months) team of two WHITE INSPECTORS. These two will travel from filial to filial checking on the use of the material sent out; they will eliminate wastage and "dumping" which some provincial units have tried; they will take steps against unauthorized "collectors" will organize formation of local propaganda teams.

3) The costs will run to \$3.00 per day, per man, while actual on the road ONLY, to cover food, housing, transportation; no "salary" is to be paid. Inspectors will travel ~~Security Information~~ route assigned each week, come back to capital each Saturday...this allows us to check on them and to

avoid any possible financial abuse (claiming travel and work days with nothing actually done). They will visit five to seven peublos and finca per week on a "loop" circuit, and will prepare a report each week.... their ~~itinerary~~ itinerary will be pre-set for them by WHITE leader under CARTER's supervision.

4) These "inspectors" will be held to two (one man is not safe); CARTER understands that this does not represent "employment" of these men, but is merely meeting actual costs (\$3.00 per day per man is a conservative average for transportation and "pensiones") while they are actually on the road; he further understands that we may stop the activity (at least cut off the funds) if the activity is not "paying off" or signs of abuses appear.

5) The basic project has an allowance for WHITE travel and for such organizational activities.

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CARTER:- WHITE GROUP:-

9 January 1954

Mass Meeting at Tiquisate:-

1) As previously reported, we have WHITE sub-agents circulating through the departamentos organizing, giving "pep talks", and unifying the local filiales.

2) On 6 January two WHITE sub-agents, accompanied by the leader of the anti\*Red market women ([ ]..also member of new PCDC labor party), carried off a general anti-Communist rally at Tiquisate.

3) The sub-agents reported that attendance was enthusiastic, people coming in from several nearby pueblos and from Esquintla; the attendance was estimated at 5,000 people. Speeches were made by the two sub-agents, by [ ] and by local filial-leaders; propaganda material was distributed; new filial members signed up in numbers.

4) The local sub-agents reported that, in an attempt to offset thier meeting, Carlos Manuel PELEGER had called a simultaneous meeting at Tiquisate...his attendance was, by actual count, 73 people. Our men had issued their "llamamiento" the previous day, and they feel their success was due to this short notice not allowing the local Reds to send out their "organizers" to frighten off the campesinos who are, basically, anti-Communistic; the sub-agents feel, too, that there is considerable anti-Red feeling growing in the Esquintla area from which several hundred people came...this has been generally considered as a strong Communist bastion on the Pacific coast area.

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